

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 3 has been cancelled and Claim 1 has been amended to recite a molar ratio of methane to ammonia of 0.98 to 1.02, the molar ratio of Claim 3, which claim was indicated as allowable in the Official Action mailed September 16, 2003.

It is requested that this amendment be entered after Final Rejection, since it places all of the claims in condition for allowance.

The rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Albanese et al. is traversed.

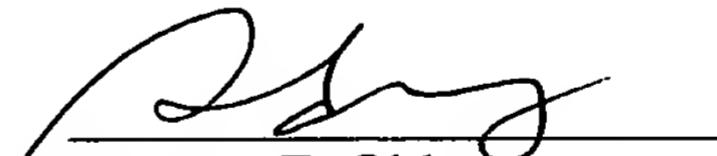
In view of the fact that the Examiner discusses Claim 15 on page 3 of the Official Action, it is assumed that Claim 15 falls under the rejection over Albanese et al., also.

In view of the amendment to Claim 1, inserting the molar ratio of methane and ammonia of allowable Claim 3, it is submitted that the rejection of the claims is now moot.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8 and 15 are allowable and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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